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SUBJECT: FIGHTING CONTINUES IN LUANDA

CINCLANT AND CINCEUR FOR POLAD

REF: LUANDA 0709

1. AS OF 1500Z ON JUNE 6 WIDESPREAD FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE
BLACK GHETTOS. A LOCAL NEWSMAN WHO JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP
THROUGH THE AFFECTED AREAS IN A TANK TOLD US THAT FIVE UNITA
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DELEGATIONS WERE ATTACKED BY MPLA DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS AND

THAT IN ONE ATTACK MPLA KILLED 34 UNITA RECRUITS WHO WERE LEAVING TO GO SOUTH FOR TRAINING. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN THE BODIES AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN MUTILATED WITH CANE KNIVES. HE WAS TOLD THAT 60 BODIES HAVE BEEN COUNTED SO FAR AND THE TOTAL IS SURE TO INCREASE. ANOTHER MILITARY SOURCE TOLD US THERE WERE 600 CASUALTIES, INCLUDING WOUNDED.

2. THE AIRPORT HAS REOPENED AND SEVERAL JETS HAVE DEPARTED TO LISBON CARRYING WHITE REFUGEES FROM EARLIER FIGHTING. MANY BUSINESSES IN THE CENTRAL CITY ARE OPEN BUT MOST BLACKS HAVE, UNDERSTANDBLY, NOT REPORTED TO WORK. THE FIGHTING IS SOMEWHAT MORE CONTAINED AND THERE ARE LESS TROOPS INVOLVED IN THIS ROUND THAN IN THE LAST, ALTHOUGH THE INCREASED USE OF HEAVY WEAPONS MAKES UP IN FIREPOWER WHAT THEY GAVE UP IN MANPOWER. EARLY ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 6 ARMED PATROLS FROM THE INTEGRATED MILITARY FORCES WERE SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE SHOOTING BEGAN ON JUNE 5. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE PORTUGUESE ARMY IS BEING MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN IN THE PAST, ARRESTING ABOUT 20 MPLA TROOPS THEY ENCOUNTERED OUTSIDE THEIR BARRACKS AND ENGAGING IN FIREFIGHTS WITH BOTH MPLA AND FNLA. USING PAST ROUNDS AS INDICATORS, THIS FIGHT STILL HAS SEVERAL DAYS TO GO UNTIL IT RUNS ITS COURSE.

3. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO RPT NO AMERICAN HAVE BEEN INJURED OR INVOLVED.
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